

MUR 7328

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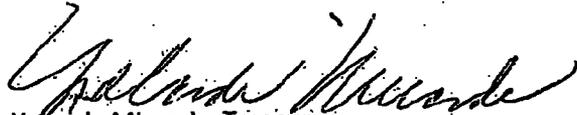
Dear Madam:

In response to the constituent complaint in February regarding an anonymous donor to the Peacock for Congress campaign, Ms. Julia Peacock sent you a letter with the explanation and there were no anonymity of a donor or donors on the campaign disclosure.

I am attaching a copy of the letter sent by Ms. Julia Peacock with a detail explanation.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Thank you.


Yolandita Miranda, Treasurer
Julia Peacock for Congress,

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May 24, 2018

Federal Elections Commission
Office of Complaints Examination and Legal Administration
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Washington, DC 20463

Dear Madam:

In response to the constituent complaint in February regarding an "anonymous donor" to the Peacock for Congress campaign, allow me to clarify: The anonymity of the donor was only to other donors, not to the FEC. Paul and Kerry Menth, constituents from Temecula, each donated the full \$2,700 individual limit which was turned in by check to my treasurer, Yolanda Miranda, and submitted in my FEC report from December 31, 2017.

Mr. Menth approached me at the beginning of December with an offer for he and his wife to max out their \$2,700 contribution limits for the primary cycle, which ends in CA on June 5. He suggested a donor match program, where he and Kerry would match, dollar for dollar, up to their contribution limit. Paul had already attended two fundraisers earlier in the year, so his final contribution amounted to \$2,250, and Kerry made the full \$2,700 contribution for her. I received both checks around December 28 in a meeting with the constituents at a Starbucks in Temecula, CA.

When I asked Mr. Menth if he would like me to name him on the contribution form in ActBlue and in correspondence, both email and social media, he asked to keep his name out of it, hence the "anonymous" part of the posts submitted as evidence by the constituent who filed the complaint. At no time was there ever any intention, nor actions taken, to defraud the FEC or to violate campaign rules regarding individual contributions. It was merely a constituent's desire to keep his name out of a donor match offer so people didn't feel compelled one way or the other to contribute or not.

I would like to say, however, that it might be of interest to the FEC that this complaint actually came from a resident in the house of one of my opponents in the race for Congress CA-42, Norman Quintero. I verified the complainant's address in the voter file, and I found that the complaint originated from a member of Mr. Quintero's own



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Peacock for Congress
Donald A. Lee, Treasurer
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RE: MUR 7328

Dear Mr. Lee:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint that indicates that Peacock for Congress and you in your official capacity as treasurer may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 7328. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

The Act affords you the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against Peacock for Congress and you in your official capacity as treasurer in this matter. If you wish to file a response, you may submit any factual or legal materials that you believe are relevant to the Commission's consideration of this matter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath by persons with relevant knowledge. Your response, which should be addressed to the General Counsel's Office, must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter. If no response is received within 15 days, the Commission may take further action based on the available information.

This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(4)(B) and § 30109(a)(12)(A) unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the matter to be made public. Please be advised that, although the Commission cannot disclose information regarding an investigation to the public, it may share information on a confidential basis with other law enforcement agencies.¹

If you intend to be represented by counsel in this matter, please advise the Commission by completing the enclosed form stating the name, address and telephone number of such counsel, and authorizing such counsel to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission. Please note that you have a legal obligation to preserve all documents, records and materials relating to the subject matter of the complaint until such time as you are notified that the Commission has closed its file in this matter. See 18 U.S.C. § 1519.

¹ The Commission has the statutory authority to refer knowing and willful violations of the Act to the Department of Justice for potential criminal prosecution, 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(5)(C), and to report information regarding violations of law not within its jurisdiction to appropriate law enforcement authorities. *Id.* § 30107(a)(9).

